



WASHINGTON COUNTY PROFILE

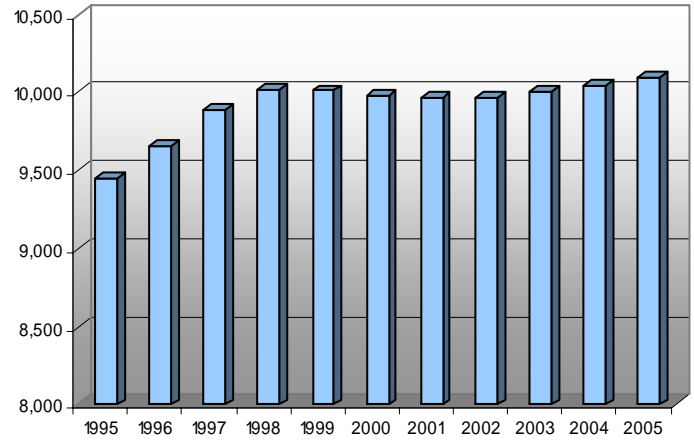
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Population

Washington County ranks 27th in population and 20th in area of Idaho's 44 counties. The population of Washington County consistently grew between the years of 1994 to 1998. In 1999 however, the population began declining as people moved looking for better employment opportunities. This continued until 2003 when the population began increasing again and continued into 2004. The population grew from 9,155 in 1994 to 10,059 in 2004. The overall population growth over the decade was 904 individuals, or 9.9 percent, well below the state-wide growth rate of 21.7 percent for the same time period. Weiser is the County's largest city with a 2004 population of 5,415.



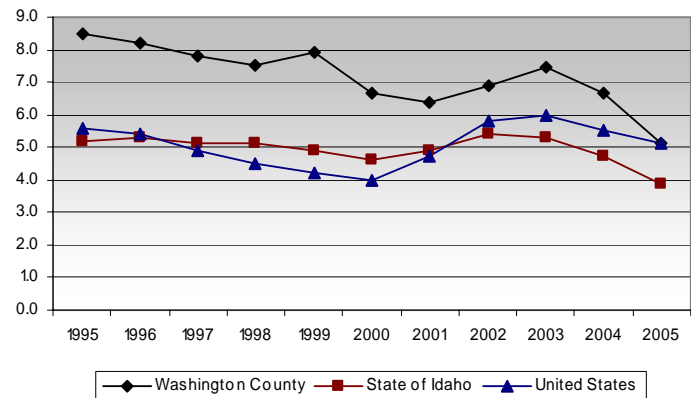
Labor Force & Employment

The labor force includes civilians aged 16 and over, not living in institutions, who are either employed or unemployed (not employed and seeking employment). The labor force is a count of people based on where they live, rather than where they work.

The Civilian Labor Force of Washington County grew by 14.6 percent, a gain of 620 people over the years 1994 to 2004. The annual average unemployment rate has dropped significantly over the past decade from a high of 9.4 percent in 1994 to a low of 6.7 percent in 2004.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs in Washington County decreased by 108 jobs, or 3.7 percent, over the past decade. The construction boom in Idaho has yet to find its way to Washington County just yet as it is just a little too far away for commuters to travel to Ada or Canyon Counties on a daily basis. Historically strong industries have also declined

Unemployment Rates

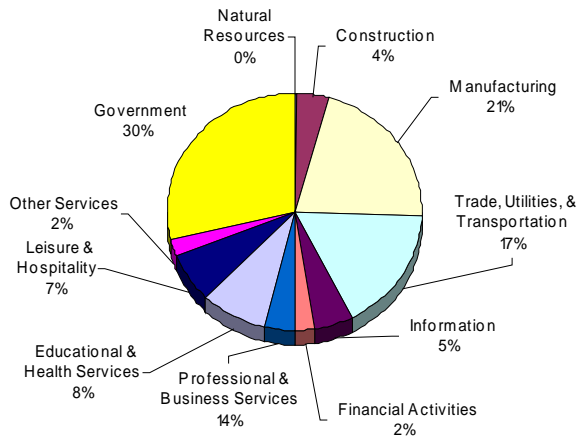


over the last decade, those being Agriculture which lost 106 jobs, Manufacturing which lost 20 jobs, and Trade Utilities and Transportation which lost 77 jobs. Government however added 59 jobs, and Information added 57 jobs. Washington County is transforming from a blue collar economy to more of a white collar economy. This is demonstrated by the mix of the present day employment in Washington County. However, as Idaho's population continues to grow we can expect future gains in construction.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	4,999	5,029
Total Employment	4,736	4,833
Unemployed	262	196
Washington County % Unemployed	5.3	3.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	4,358	4,515	4,580	4,658	4,626	5,144	5,024	4,914	4,773	4,878	5,009
Unemployment	372	369	355	350	367	344	319	338	357	325	258
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.5	8.2	7.8	7.5	7.9	6.7	6.4	6.9	7.5	6.7	5.2
Employment	3,986	4,146	4,225	4,308	4,259	4,800	4,704	4,576	4,416	4,553	4,751

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Per Capita Income & Employment

Washington County ranked 33rd in terms of per capita income in the state at \$20,224, which is below the state average of \$25,476 and the national average of \$30,906 in 2003.

Government and *Manufacturing* account for 44.1 percent of all nonfarm jobs in Payette County, mostly due to the number of people working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Jon-Lin Foods, Champion Home Builders, and Idaho Timber Corporation. Average industry wages range from \$9,215 in *Leisure and Hospitality* to \$30,996 in services involved with *Information*. Traditionally, *Leisure and Hospitality* and *Trade* have the lowest wages.

Major Employers

Jon-Lin Foods
City of Weiser
Champion Home Builders
Hometown Ford
Cambridge School District
Weiser Memorial Hospital
Ridley's
Washington County
Weiser Care Center
Weiser School District

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Bank Teller	\$8.20
Bookkeeper	\$8.15
Cashier/Counter Clerk	\$6.45
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$7.20
Delivery Driver	\$8.00
Farm Equipment Operators	\$8.00
General Farm Laborers	\$5.75
Housekeeper	\$6.75
Landscape Laborer	\$6.75
Machine Operator	\$12.80

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,930	\$15,243	2,803	\$20,668	2,822	\$21,996
Agriculture	452	\$9,131	364	\$13,534	346	\$15,372
Mining	0	\$0	*	*	*	*
Construction	102	\$15,718	95	\$20,115	103	\$22,062
Manufacturing	559	\$19,388	496	\$23,147	539	\$24,081
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	504	\$15,310	410	\$20,636	427	\$21,965
Information	81	\$19,614	117	\$30,357	128	\$30,996
Financial Activities	74	\$17,417	64	\$22,333	62	\$22,268
Professional and Business Services	86	\$15,943	80	\$16,798	85	\$18,949
Educational and Health Services	210	\$13,310	210	\$21,924	211	\$22,234
Leisure and Hospitality	174	\$7,280	185	\$9,091	170	\$9,215
Other Services	42	\$11,528	49	\$20,331	44	\$22,593
Government	647	\$17,921	734	\$23,919	706	\$25,378

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Washington County	\$15,649	\$16,509	\$17,021	\$17,998	\$18,377	\$18,407	\$19,327	\$19,490	\$19,994	\$21,229
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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